

UNWILLING TO TALK FURTHER

General MacArthur Asked About
That War With Germany.

ENJOYED THE TRIP TO HAWAII

SURPRISED AT THE WEALTH OF
THE COUNTRY.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—General MacArthur returned today on the steamer *Siberia* from the Hawaiian islands, where he has been making a military inspection. The general is in good health, enjoyed his trip and was greatly pleased with the islands, which he termed "a most valuable acquisition to the United States."

One of General MacArthur's first questions was for news concerning the Japanese-Russian controversy, and he listened intently to the information given him. He was then asked: "Is it true, general, that your visit to the islands was cut short by the probability of war in Panama?"

a moment and said: "Well, I am here." His attention was directed to the recent activity displayed in the transport service, and he remarked: "I have not been notified about the transports."

Then the interviewer brought up the subject of the report of General Jones of the Hawaiian militia, who quoted General MacArthur as saying that war would come between the United States and Germany, and that the principal fighting would be in the Pacific, with the Hawaiian islands as an objective point.

General MacArthur said firmly and positively: "That is a matter that in no way I will discuss. You must excuse me."

In relation to his trip, the general said: "I made a very thorough inspection of the island of Oahu and have sent to Washington a complete report of my ideas for the defense and establishment of fortifications, also the number of posts I thought advisable to establish. The trip was most instructive and invaluable. The wealth of the country surprised me and particularly was I amazed at the enormous sugar plantations."

**FRENCHMAN "PINKED"
IN DUEL WITH SWORDS**

Paris, Dec. 27.—A duel with swords was fought this morning between Captain Levy of the Fifth regiment of engineers and Henry Desmory, a leading anti-Semite. Captain Levy was wounded in the arm. The traditional results of French duels were not followed in this case, for the opponents remained unconquered. The duel was the outcome of an altercation over the Dreyfus case.

WAR REGARDED AS INEVITABLE

Diplomats See No Reason to
Change Their Minds.

JAPANESE WANT TO FIGHT

CHINA WILL KEEP OUT OF IT IF
POSSIBLE.

Peking, Dec. 27.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Peking that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable remains unchanged. Nothing has been received here to corroborate the special dispatches from Tokyo which said that the Japanese government was adopting an imperative tone in pressing for a speedy reply to this last note. The report is not believed.

Official communications received here from high sources say that the Japanese war party is growing in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government. The Chinese board of war has ordered the viceroys to furnish full information as to the numbers of foreign

trained troops available for active service. The viceroys of three of the central provinces in response have reported that 90,000 such troops are in readiness. This unquestionably is a remarkable exaggeration, as the great majority of the foreign trained troops exist only on paper.

The dowager empress has issued an edict, at the request of Prince Ching, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments. One such has been appointed director of training, another has been given command of the department of instruction, while a third has been put in charge of the department which has to do with the supply of ammunition. Influential officials continue in their determination to keep China neutral, if possible, in the event of war.

FEAST FOR THE POOR.

Ten Thousand Hungry People of Chicago Fed.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—During a stampede of the 10,000 men, women and children waiting for admission, which followed the opening of the doors of the Coliseum, where the Volunteers of America today gave their annual Christmas dinner, several glass doors were demolished and the dozen policemen on duty at the place managed to restore order with the greatest difficulty. In the rush several women and children were knocked down and trampled on, but none was seriously injured. The crowd was the largest that ever assembled at such an affair in Chicago, and when every one had been satisfied not a morsel of the tons of food remained.

STEAMER CAUGHT FIRE

Lady Joicey Goes Down Off Porto
Rico—All on Board Are
Seved.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 27.—The British steamer *Lady Joicey*, Captain Smith, bound from Chilean ports to Savannah, Ga., Wilmington, N. C., and New York, with a full cargo of alkali of soda, took fire and sunk seventy-five miles south of Porto Rico last Wednesday.

The cargo of the *Lady Joicey* exploded and the vessel went down within two and a half hours. Captain Smith with his crew and one passenger arrived at Ponce in two small boats, completely exhausted and almost naked, having made their way through terrible seas. There were no fatalities and the only serious injury was suffered by one sailor, who had his leg broken and who is now in the hospital. The British consul at Ponce attended to the immediate wants of the shipwrecked marines, who are expected to arrive here tomorrow.

The *Lady Joicey* was a vessel of 2,642 tons register and was built in 1898 at Sunderland, England. She was 351 feet long, 45 feet broad and 24 feet deep.

D. J. Sharp Coal company, 73 South Main street. Office telephone, 719. Yard telephone, 522.

ITALY'S GREAT LOSS.

Late Premier Was Devoted to His
Country.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Thousands of telegrams of condolence have been received by the family of former Premier Zanardelli, who died yesterday, including one from King Victor Emmanuel, in which his majesty said that Italy had lost one of her best sons—one who had dedicated all of his life to promoting the greatness of his country.

The king has decided that at the funeral of Signor Zanardelli at Brescia next Wednesday, he will be represented by his cousin, the Count of Turin. The funeral will also be attended by Premier Giolitti and several members of the cabinet.

By the will of Signor Zanardelli, which was opened today, the whole of his patrimony, amounting to \$100,000, is left to his relatives, and his library is given to the city of Brescia.

FIRE AT TROY, N. Y.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Fire today in the business portion of the city did \$200,000 damage. The flames originated in the back room of A. W. Hollister's wholesale and retail grocery on River street and spread to Fitzpatrick & Draper's tobacco factory and the Troy Furniture company's building. All three buildings were totally destroyed. Crutcher & Co., furniture dealers; W. J. Alexander, crockery and china depot, and the Troy Belting & Supply company suffered extensively from water.

ARRESTED IN CANADA.

Police Believe They Have the Man
Who Posed as Goebel.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 27.—There is no doubt in the minds of the police that the man arrested on the Canadian side of the river last night is James Abbeel of New York, who is believed to pose as J. Ogden Goebel, Jr., and, claiming relationship to the well known Goebel family, became engaged to Miss Grace Anderson of New York. The prisoner, however, still maintains that Hall is his proper name.

On Wednesday of last week two men went to the Savoy hotel, at Niagara Falls, Ont., and registered from Chicago. One of them gave his name as F. S. Hall and the other W. F. Hall. Last night Chief of Police Mains of the Ontario force received a telegram asking him to arrest F. S. Hall, who, the message said, is wanted in New York on a charge of forgery. Hall has engaged counsel and will fight extradition. He refused to make a statement, further than to declare that he has committed no crime.

The description of F. S. Hall and James Abbeel tally very closely, and the police are positive they have Abbeel. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

REV. CLARK IN OMAHA.

Omaha, Dec. 27.—Rev. Francis E. Clark, who is touring the world in the interests of Christian Endeavor, addressed two large meetings in Omaha today, the being his only stop between Boston and San Francisco. Accompanied by his daughter, he will sail for Australia Dec. 31.

BUDGET PASSED.

Paris, Dec. 27.—At an extraordinary session of the senate today the budget estimates were finally passed.



Monday Marks the Beginning Of It

Which the Public Has Long Anticipated.

Damask.

Still's German silver bleached Damask, 72 inches wide; the only damask free from starch or other finish; six beautiful patterns to choose from; \$1.50 grade.....\$1.20
\$1.25 grade.....98c

Beautiful full bleached 72-inch Damask, extra weight, open borders, flower and scroll patterns; \$1.50 quality.....\$1.20

All linen 73-inch Satin Damask, large open borders, some plain center; \$1.00 kind.....82c
66-inch bleached and cream Damasks, 65c grades.....50c

Other grades down to 25c per yard.

For the first time since our Round-up Sale we will offer a 20 per cent discount on beautiful linen sets. No other linen compares in quality and patterns.

Plain Linen Squares and Oblong Pieces.

Plain linen square and oblong pieces, made of fine Art Linen and double hemstitched all around.
6x6 Squares reduced from 15c to.....10c
12x12 Squares reduced from 25c to.....18c
20x20 Squares reduced from 60c to.....45c
24x24 Squares reduced from 75c to.....60c
30x30 Squares reduced from 85c to.....70c
36x36 Squares reduced from \$1.50 to.....\$1.00
18x54 Scarfs reduced from \$1.00 to.....80c
20x54 Scarfs reduced from \$1.25 to.....\$1.00
20x72 Scarfs reduced from \$1.40 to.....\$1.15
22x72 Scarfs reduced from \$1.50 to.....\$1.20

Table Cloths.

Handsome German cloth, 8-4 size, 2x2 yards, hemstitched, \$2.00 for.....\$1.65
Handsome German cloth, 8-10, 2x2 1/2 yards, hemstitched, Reduced from \$2.65 to.....\$2.00
Hemmed German Cloths, 2x2 yds., regular \$1.65, now.....\$1.45
Imported colored fringed Cloths, 2x2 yards, in all colors, \$2.50 for.....\$2.00
Imported Corea Cloths, and Scarfs to match, in red, yellow and blue; \$1.25 for.....75c
Colored bordered fringed Doylies, regular 25c, for.....15c

The GREAT ROUND-UP SALE LAST SUMMER was a means of introducing the HIGH CHARACTER OF MERCHANDISE CARRIED IN THE LINEN SECTION. We have prided ourselves on the values offered at regular prices; at times when reductions have occurred it has been our delight to emphasize the remarkable values which the SPECIAL PRICES made possible for shoppers to obtain.

Note the Sharp Reductions

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Hemstitched Table Sets.

Cloth 2x2 yards and one dozen napkins to match; 20 in sets. Reduced from \$5.50 to.....\$4.50
15 sets, 2 1/2 x2 1/2 yards, and one dozen napkins to match. Reduced from \$6.00 to.....\$5.00
12 sets, 3x2 yards, and one dozen napkins to match. Reduced from \$6.50 to.....\$5.50
10 sets, 2 1/2 x2 1/2 yards, and one dozen napkins to match. Reduced from \$4.95 to.....\$4.25
\$15.00 sets reduced to.....\$12.00
\$16.50 sets reduced to.....\$13.25
Other Hemstitched Sets, up to \$21.50 per set, proportionately reduced.

Towels.

20c linen crash Towels, while they last, only.....12c
Good rooming house Towels, \$1.25 kind, hemmed huck, 9c each, or, per dozen.....99c
Large size hemmed huck Towels, 15c, now.....12c
Several numbers of hemmed and hemstitched Towels, regular 20c towels, only.....15c
Several good numbers in damask and huck Towels; both fringed, hemstitched and hemmed; 25c and 30c, only.....22c

The sale beginning Monday offers superb price-advantages. Early shopping is urged which will enable you to take your time for inspection.

Irish Hand Embroidered Doylies.

Two conditions are responsible for these prices being brought down to a very small fraction of their real value: Christmas being over and stocktaking time nearly here. In these beautiful goods, as elsewhere in the linen section rare taste has been exercised in making selections.

In various shapes and sizes, such as Scarfs, Tea Cloths, Centers, Trays, Ovals, Rounds, etc. The assortment is large and varied, and the prices unusually attractive.

The following sets have scalloped edges.
4x4 round, worth 40c, now 20c each.
4x4 round, worth 25c, now 20c each.
6x6 round, worth 60c, now 50c each.
8x8 round, worth 35c, now 25c each.
9x9 round, worth 50c, now 40c each.
10x10 round, worth 60c, now 45c each.
12x12 round, worth 50c, now 40c.
18x18 round, worth \$1.25 each, now \$1.00.
10x10 squares, worth 60c, now 45c each.
12x12 squares, worth 75c each, now 60c.
15x15 squares, worth 85c, now 75c each.
30x30 squares, worth \$2.00, now \$1.60 each.
18x45 scarfs, worth \$1.65, now \$1.35 each.
18x72 scarfs, worth \$2.75, now \$2.25 each.
Other sizes and shapes, not quoted, will be included in this sale.

Irish Linen Bath Towels.

Notwithstanding the extremely heavy selling during the past few weeks, the lines are still unequalled in variety and values. Now that the rush of Christmas is over and to prepare for invoicing, these attractive reductions are made.

\$2.00 Towels now.....\$1.50
\$1.75 Towels now.....\$1.25
\$1.50 Towels now.....\$1.00
\$1.25 Towels now.....95c
75c Towels now.....55c

25 dozen huck and damask and birdseye hand hemstitched and fringed, worth up to 40c each now... 29c

Cluny Lace Pieces.

While the sale of these goods has been heavy during the days preceding Christmas, we still have a generous supply of these decorative pieces. To close out the line entirely before stock taking a still further reduction is made:

\$ 9.00 pieces for.....\$ 4.50
\$12.00 pieces for.....\$ 6.50
\$20.00 pieces for.....\$15.00
\$ 2.50 pieces for.....\$ 1.25

Napkins.

25 dozen 22x22 dice Napkins, especially suitable for restaurant and boarding house use, \$1.50 value.....\$1.10
25 dozen 22x22 full bleached all linen Napkins.....\$1.20
\$1.50 for.....\$1.20
A fine lot of odd Napkins, 24x24-inch, worth regularly from \$3.00 to \$3.50.....\$2.65
Special.....\$2.65

Odd Napkins, all sizes from 18-inch to 20-inch, representing the cleaning up of odds and ends, in bundles of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, from—

20c to \$1.60

Remnants in Table Linen, bleached and unbleached, from 60 to 90 inches wide, in all lengths from 1 yard to 4 yards, from—

25c to \$4.50

Turkey red Damask in lengths of 1, 1 1/2, 1 3/4 yards, from 25c up to—

25c to 85c per garment.

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Bath Towels.

25 dozen 15c Towels, bleached and unbleached, Special.....11c
Regular 40c for.....20c
Regular 50c for.....40c

All others reduced 15 per cent to 40 per cent.

25 dozen 26x56 extra large bleached and unbleached Bath Towels, worth 30c, for.....22c

Full bleached hemmed Bath Towel, 30c quality, special, for.....22c

Extra large Bath Towel. No better towel is anywhere offered for 45c. Sale price.....30c

45x45 imported Mats, in tan and white and red and white, \$5.25 value, for \$2.40.

22x45 imported Mat, \$2.25 kind, \$1.65.

Bath Rugs, mosaic effect, \$1.50 kind, \$95c.

Bath Rugs, Roman border, 75c value, 50c.

Others for 25c.

Turkish Toweling by the yard, value 20c, now 12c.

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